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FROM SALANS

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1. EXT OF DRAFT DECLARATION ON MASS MEDIA (REFTELS A AND B)
SEEMS ACCEPTABLE AND TAKES INTO ACCOUNT VIRTUALLY EVERY COMMENT
OR SUGGESTION CONTAINED STATE 047336. WHILE FAR FROM PERFECT,
I BELIEVE EMPHASIS HAS BEEN TURNED AROUND FROM RESTRICTIONS
ON FREE FLOW OF INFORMATION AND GOVERNMENT CONTROL OF MEDIA
TO PROMOTING FREE EXCHANGE. TO LARGE EXTENT, PRINCIPLES IN DRAFT
DECLARATION APPLY DIRECTLY TO MASS MEDIA ITSELF, WITHOUT GOVERNMENT INTERFERENCE. REPEATED REFERENCES TO UN CHARTER PRINCIPLES,
UNIVERSAL DECLARATION OF HUMAN RIGHTS, PROTECTION OF FREEDOM
OF SPEECH, PRESS, ETC. SEEM PROTECT FUNDAMENTAL U.S. INTERESTS.

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WM THEREFORE I BELIEVE THAT PERSONALLY I COULD SUPPORT THE

DRAFT DECLARATION. IN ANY CASE IT IS CLEAR THAT EVERY OTHER EXPERT PARTICIPATING WILL SUPPORT. SOVIET EXPERT, WHO HAS BEEN REMARKABLY SUBDUED THROUGHOUT MEETING, IS NOT TOO HAPPY AND MAY MAKE STATEMENT FOR RECORD RESERVING HIS GOVERNMENT'S POSITION. I WOULD BE PREPARED TO DO THE SAME IF DEPT BELIEVES DESIRABLE. IN ANY EVENT, I WOULD WANT TO EMPHASIZE NEED FOR CONSENSUS IN ADOPTING ANY SUCH DECLARATION.

3. MEETING RECONVENES FRIDAY MORNING $1000\ {\rm TO}$ CONSIDER FINAL TEXT OF DECLARATION AND EXPERT'S REPORT.STONE

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